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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Seventh Ordinary Meeting, May 15, 1843.

THOMAS TOOKE, Esq., V.P., in the Chair. The following gentlemen were elected:—

William Copperthwaite, Esq. Philip Rose, Esq. Robert Cheere, Esq.

The following gentlemen were proposed as candidates for admission into the Society:—

John Coningham, Esq. Albert Gledstanes, Esq.

A Paper was read "On the Division of Heritable Property and its Influence on the Distribution of Wealth." Translated from the French of M. Passy, by Sir John P. Boileau, Bart., (see p. 185.)

Eighth Ordinary Meeting, June 19, 1843.

The Right Hon. LORD ASHLEY, M.P., President, in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were elected:-

John Coningham, Esq. Albert Gledstanes, Esq.

Charles Hindley, Esq. M.P., was proposed as a candidate for admission into the Society:—

The Fifth Report of the Education Committee was read, (see p. 211.) A second Paper was read "On the Influence of Employments upon Health." By W. A. Guy, Esq., M.D. (see p. 197).

Coals Exported.—In 1841 the export of coals abroad was 1,848,294 tons, of which 344,728 tons was to British possessions abroad; 451,003 tons to France; 173,378 tons to Holland; 173,437 tons to Germany; 151,146 tons to Denmark; 116,296 tons to Prussia; 77,152 tons to Russia; 26,961 tons to Sweden; 15,894 tons to Norway; and only 3,013 tons to Belgium. Large quantities are sent to the Mediterranean, including 48,059 tons to Turkey; and 52,273 tons to the United States. The tonnage was nearly three-fourths British, viz. 1,377,680.

Crimes and Punishments.—During the three years ended with 1830, there were, in London and Middlesex, 52 capital punishments; 1833, 12; 1836, none; and 1839, 3. The number of committals for murder during the same periods respectively were,—31, 29, 9, and 21. It is a curious subject of inquiry to determine the cause of the increase in this deepest class of crimes since 1836, with the renewed use of capital punishments which it has necessitated.